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1. IN CCOP PLENARY AUGUST 18 DR. HIROSHI SAKURAI, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF U.N. REVOLVING FUND FOR NATIONAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION (UNRF) REVIEWED STATUS OF UNRF. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF MINERAL PRODUCTION IN EARLY STAGES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS EXEMPLIFIED BY HISTORY OF JAPAN AND DESCRIBED ROLE OF UNRF. CCOP COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, THAILAND, PHILIPPINES, SOUTH KOREA EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PROPOSED UNRF LOAN REPAYMENT RATE OF 2 PERCENT ON PRODUCTION FOR 15 YEARS. ALL REPRESENTATIVES AGREED PRIVATE INDUSTRY WOULD LIKELY EXPLORE ANY TARGETS FAVORABLE ENOUGH FOR UNRF TO CONSIDER AND WOULD NOT REQUIRE HOST COUNTRY REPAYMENT. SAKURAI DID NOT SUCCESSFULLY ANSWER THIS ARGUMENT. SAKURAI INDICATED UNRF WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE \$200 MILLION IN CONTRIBUTION OVER 20 YEAR PERIOD BEFORE IT COULD BECOME SELF SUSTAINING.

2. ON AUGUST 18 TAG HAD FINAL MEETING TO REVIEW ITS REPORT
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AND RECOMMENDATIONS COVERING EXPLORATION POSSIBILITIES AND TECHNIQUES FOR OFFSHORE PETROLEUM, DETRIAL MINERAL, AND OTHER RESOURCES; EXPLORATION FACILITIES IN CCOP COUNTRIES; TRAINING SEMINARS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS; PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS; AND OTHER ASPECTS OF CCOP PROGRAM. TAG STRESSED NEED FOR SEMINARS ON DATA PROCESSING AND SEISMIC EXPLORATION METHODS, AND FOR A CONSULTANT ON OFFSHORE SURVEY EQUIPMENT.

3. IN CCOP PLENARY AUGUST 19 PROFESSOR ROCKHEIMER OF UN UNIVERSITY DESCRIBED PLANS TO DEVELOP UNU AS WORLDWIDE RESEARCH COORDINATION CENTER FOCUSING ON USE AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WORLD FOOD PROBLEM, HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. CALLED ATTENTION TO JAPAN PLEDGE OF \$100 MILLION OUT OF PROJECTED \$500 MILLION ENDOWMENT, PLUS AGREEMENT TO CONSTRUCT HEADQUARTERS AND BRANCH CAMPUSES. PLEDGES ALSO FROM SENEGAL, SWEDEN, AND VENEZUELA. DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF CCOP AFFILIATION WITH UNU IN SOME WAY AND DR. C.Y. LI INVITED SUGGESTIONS FROM CCOP COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES AND ADVISORS CONCERNING PROJECTS THAT MIGHT BE SUITABLE FOR JOINT ACTIVITY.

4. CCOP PLENARY ON AUGUST 19 ALSO COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF OFFSHORE COAL, PHOSPHATE, GEOTHERMAL AND OTHER NON-PETROLEUM RESOURCE STUDIE; REVIEWED AND APPROVED REPORT ON CIRCUM-PACIFIC MAP PROJECT; REVIEWED AND APPROVED REPORT OF CCOP-IOC WORKING GROUP ON IDOE STUDIES OF EAST ASIA TECTONICS AND RESOURCES; AND REVIEWED AND APPROVED REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS PREPARED BY WILLIAM FISCHER OF U.S. DELEGATION ON A REGIONAL PROGRAM OF TRAINING, DEMONSTRATION, DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION, AND OTHER COORDINATED ACTIVITIES IN REMOTE SENSING TO GIVE CCOP REGION THE CAPACITY TO USE SATELLITE DATA FOR RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES. U.S. DELEGATE AGREED TO PROVIDE A CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT ONE-WEEK SEMINAR FOR DEMONSTRATING APPLICABILITY OF TECTONIC STUDIES NOW UNDERWAY IN THAILAND FOR OTHER PARTS OF CCOP REGION AND TO REVIEW OTHER POSSIBILITIES RECOMMENDED IN FISCHER REPORT.

5. CCOP PLENARY ON AUGUST 20
DISCUSSIONS ON AUGUST 20 CENTERED ON 1) RESULTS ON UN CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA, 2) THE FORMULATION OF WORK PLANS FOR 1975-1977
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TIME PERIOD, AND 3) THE OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAM.

1) CCOP RECOGNIZED THAT THEY WERE NOT QUALIFIED TO COMMENT ON LAW OF THE SEA LEGAL TOPICS BUT REQUESTED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF PROGRESS.

2) THE CCOP SECRETARIAT RECOMMENDED THAT PROJECTS INVOLVING CAMBODIA AND S. VIETNAM BE SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF LACK OF REPRESENTATION. INVITATIONS WERE EXTENDED BUT QUITE LATE BECAUSE ADDRESS'S WERE UNKNWON.A KOREAN PROGRAM WAS DELETED BECAUSE IT IS LARGELY COVERED BY AN IDOE PROGRAM. PLANS FOR TRAINING WILL BE ADJUSTED IN LIGHT OF DECISIONS MADE AT THIS

MEETING. WITH THESE EXCEPTIONS, AND THE DELETION OF LARGELY COMPLETED PROJECTS SUCH AS THE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY OF THE SUNDA SHELF, THE WORK PLAN WAS ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

3) THE SECRETARIAT ANNOUNCED THAT NORWAY WISHED TO COOPERATE WITH CCOP THAT A PROPOSAL FOR LONG TERM ASSISTANCE (5-YEAR) HAS BEEN SENT TO THE NETHERLANDS, AND THAT SIMILAR PROPOSALS MAY SOON GO TO OTHER NATIONS.

6. THE NETHERLANDS HAD AGREED TO SUPPLY:

1) SPECIAL ADVISERS, 2) ATTENDANCE AT MEETING, 3) CONTINUED PLACER TIN EXPLORATION OFF THE COASTS AT MALAYSIA AND THAILAND, SERVICES OF A QUATERNARY GEOLOGIST FOR ONE YEAR.

7. NET VALUE OF NETHERLANDS' CONTRIBUTION WAS ESTIMATED BY CCOP AT \$250,000/YEAR, U.S. NO FIRM AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON A FIVE YEAR COMMITMENT NOR ON EXTENSION OF SERVICES OF THE QUATERNARY GEOLOGIST BEYOND ONE YEAR. IN THE SHORT TERM DUTCH WILL ALSO GIVE WILLING COURSE FOR CCOP NATIONS. THE DUTCH ALSO EXPRESSED A WISH TO BROADEN THEIR RESEARCH AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE MATERIALS OTHER THAN TIN AND AREAS OTHER THAN THAILAND AND MALAYSIA.

8. FRANCE AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE MEETINGS, SUPPLY EXPERT LECTURERS ON DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL AND HYDROCARBON GENERATION AND MATURATION. THEY ALSO OFFERED SERVICES OF AN EXPERT TO BEGIN STUDY OF PRE-TERTIARY BASINS (THIS NOT FULLY AGREED TO AND FUNDING IS UNCERTAIN). FRENCH REPEATED EARLIER OFFER TO ASSIST IN ISOTOPE UNCLASSIFIED

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AGE DATING; CCOP LARGELY IGNORED THIS OFFER AND REFERRED TO PRIOR ASSISTANCE BY SWITZERLAND.

9. GERMANY AGREED TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION AND ADVISERS, TO UNDERTAKE (AND POSSIBLY EXTEND) THE AGREED TO SURVEYS OF THE MALACCA STRAITS, AND TO ASSIST IN AGE DATING. THE COST OF MALACCA STRAIT SURVEYS WAS ESTIMATED AT ONE MILLION MARKS. THE DELEGATE ALSO COMMENTED ON ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDED TO KOREA IN ESTABLISHMENT OF ISOTOPE LABORATORY.

QPM AUSTRALIA AGREED TO CONDUCT ANOTHER BEACH SAND MINING COUSE, PROVIDE AN EXPERT IN ISOTOPE DATING, PROVIDE A CONSULTANT (CAPACITY UNSPECIFIED) FOR TWO MONTHS, AND ATTENDANCE AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

11. JAPAN PROVIDES \$20,000 US IN CASH EACH YEAR AND CONTINUING SERVICES OF A SPECIALIST TO CCOP, THEY MAY ALSO PROVIDE SHORT TERM (TWO MONTHS) SERVICES OR HEAT FLOW EXPERT AND, OF COURSE, THEY

ACTED AS HOST FOR THIS YEAR'S MEETING. JAPAN WILL ALSO PROVIDE SERVICES OF EXPERTS AND REPRESENTATIVES AT NEXT MEETING.

12. THE UNITED KINGDOM AGREED TO PROVIDE AN EXPERT IN ISOTOPE

DATING, PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS AND, IF REQUESTED, AN EXPERT ON DATA MANAGEMENT.

13. USA TENTATIVELY AGREED TO PROVIDE A REMOTE SENSING EXPERT TO SERVE IN CONNECTION WITH THE REMOTE SENSING MEETING TO BE HELD THIS WINTER. THE POSSIBILITY OF SUPPLYING SERVICES OF A PROBABILISTIC PALEONTOLOGIST AND ASSISTING IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SATELLITE DATA CENTER WERE MENTIONED BUT THE SECRETARIAT SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST DURING DISCUSSION BUT THE REQUESTS APPEAR IN THE FINAL REPORT.

14. USSR: THE SECRETARIAT SUGGESTED THAT THE MEMBER COUNTRIES MAY WISH TO LOOK TO THE USSR FOR TRAINING, THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION.

15. CANADA HAD NO REPRESENTATION AND HAD PROVIDED NO EXPLANATION.

16. JAPAN MADE A SPECIAL STATEMENT AT THE END OF THE DISCUSSION TO THE EFFECT THAT; 1) THEIR POSITION ON CCOP WORK PLAN SHOULD NOT PREJUDICE THEIR NATIONAL POSITION WITH RESPECT TO "LAW OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SEA", AND 2) ASSOCIATION WITH CCOP IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS SHOULD BE ONLY OF A TECHNICAL NATURE.

17. THE NEXT CCOP MEETING WAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR IN LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER 1976.

18. CCOP MEMBERS VOTED TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT STAFF OF ADVISERS THROUGH THE COMING YEAR.

19. CCOP PLENARY ON AUGUST 21
NO GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD TO ALLOW COMPLETION OF FINAL REPORT

20. CCOP PLENARY ON AUGUST 22
ADOPTION OF FINAL REPORT

21. DURING COURSE OF MEETING US DELEGATION HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS STRUCTURE AND SCOPE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM USSR MINISTRY OF GEOLOGY, WHICH HAS INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGY STAFFED BY ABOUT 600 GEOLOGISTS, AND OF JAPANESE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WHICH IS AGGRESSIVELY DEVELOPING NEW INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM UNDER JAPANESE INSTITUTE FOR TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY. CURRENT JAPANESE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH MOSTLY CONFINED TO INDONESIA BUT WILL BE EXPANDED TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES NEXT YEAR. FURTHER EVIDENCE OF WEST GERMAN ACTIVITY IN INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGY CAME WITH ANNOUNCEMENT ON AUGUST 19 OF AGREEMENT FOR JOINT INDONESIA, MALAYSIAN, WEST GERMAN SURVEY OF MALACCA STRAIT AREA. THESE AND OTHER RECENT EVIDENCES OF INCREASING INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL ACTIVITY BY OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CONTRAST STRONGLY WITH DECREASE IN US-SPONSORED ACTIVITY IN RECENT YEARS.

22. GENERAL IMPRESSION OF US DELEGATION IS THAT CCOP IS ONE
OF MOST SUCCESSFUL REGIONAL COORDINATING BODIES IN RESOURCE FIELD,
BUT MAY BE TOO LITTLE CONCERNED WITH PRACTICAL PROJECTS INVOLVING
CCOP COUNTRY PARTICIPATION AND WITH TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO
MEET GENUINE REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES. INDONESIAN
DELEGATION IN PARTICULAR HAS STRESSED NEED FOR CCOP TOO CONCERN
ITSELF MORE WITH PRACTICAL PROJECTS AND LESS WITH MEETING, OUTSIDE
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